LAKEWOOD- Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-Lakewood) issued the following statement today after learning of the death of former California State Assemblyman Marco Antonio Firebaugh:

"I am deeply saddened to hear the news of Marco Firebaugh's premature death. Marco was a distinguished and respected leader in the Latino community whose charm and charisma were contagious. He never forgot where he came from and fought tirelessly day in and day out for a better California. My thoughts and prayers are with his family in this difficult time. He will be greatly missed."